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The Summary of the Invention is on the following page. This has no underlining in accordance with USPTO practice. It is the same as the Abstract of the Disclosure. No new matter not supported by the original submission is added in the added paragraph. Because it was requested by the examiner, we show the added paragraph with underlining.

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2.3 New Specification April 2008

A new specification was submitted April 2008. This contains the added paragraph to the Abstract of the Disclosure. This contains the Summary of the Invention, which is a copy of the Abstract of the Disclosure with the added paragraph. This new specification contains added pages to indicate to the examiner which sections start which. Note that the examiner in the Oct 2007 USPTO notice stated that the original submission was confusing as to which parts were which.

The USPTO however, had already published the original submission in its format properly identifying each part and placing it in their standard format for publishing a patent application.